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SUBJECT: UNITED NATIONS WHEAT DONATION TO SUDAN

1. EMBASSY/AAO ADVISED SUBJECT DONATION 13,700 MT VALUED AT \$2.2 MILLION NJDE TO SUDAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1974 UN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS RESOLUTION 3202, IN FAVOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ASSIST IN MEETING INCREASED FINANCIAL BURDENS IMPOSED BY THE FUEL CRISIS. UNDERSTAND WHEAT OBTAINED FROM CONTINENTAL GRAIN CO. USA AND SHIPPED ABOARD KUWAITI REGISTERED VESSEL SHOMALY WHICH HAS BEEN IN PORT SUDAN SINCE 29 SEPTEMBER AND UNABLE DISCHARGE CARGO DUE TO INFESTATION OF WHEAT. LEVEL EXCEEDS MINIMUMS ACCEPTABLE GOS. INFESTATION DISCOVERED 18 OCTOBER PERSISTS DESPITE TWO FUMIGATIONS 23 AND 29 OCTOBER. SUPPLIER AND SHIPPER EACH ALLEGED TO HAVE CERTIFICATES ATTESTING TO FITNESS OF THE WHEAT AT TIME EXPORT AND OF THE VESSEL TO ACCEPT WHEAT AND TRANSPORT TO SUDAN.

2. WFP/SUDAN ACTING ON BEHALF UNDP RES REP AND UN
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SECRETARIAT HAS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO NEGOTIATE

DISPOSITION OF WHEAT WITH GOS. OFFER MADE THREE WEEKS
AGO BY PRIVATE TRADER TO PURCHASE WHEAT AND
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY DISCHARGE, BAGGING ETC. OFFER
VALUED \$1.3 MILLION. UN SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK DID NOT RESPOND.
GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY REFUSING ACCEPT WHEAT UNLESS UN
GUARANTEES TO COMPENSATE GOS FOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VALUE
"AS IS" AND INTERNATIONAL MARKET PRICE. UN HAS ADVISED
THAT IT UNABLE TO DO SO DUE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS AND THAT
BEST EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN COMPENSATION
THROUGH INSURANCE CLAIMS. WFP HAS ADVISED THAT THUS
FAR THIS UNACCEPTABLE TO GOS. MEANWHILE DEMURRAGE
CHARGES AMOUNT \$3750/DAY.

3. EMBASSY/AAO FURTHER ADVISED THAT UN TECHNICAL
TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SUDAN BEGINNING 15
NOVEMBER TO ATTEMPT RESOLVE SITUATION. UNDER-
STAND FROM WFP/KHARTOUM TEAM COMPOSED OF RE-
PRESENTATIVES CONTINENTAL GRAIN COMPANY; WFP/ROME;
UK EXPERT IN FUMIGATION/QUALITY CONTROL BASED IN
ADDIS; AND USDA AG ATTACHE RABAT. PLEASE CONFIRM AS
EMBASSY/AAO NOT OTHERWISE AWARE USG PARTICIPATION, NOR
PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS OF UN IN NEW YORK.
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